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Re the Application of: **KAWAKAMI, et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/557,176**

Examiner: **NGUYEN, Thukhanh T.**

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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING VESSEL BODY AND THUS FORMED VESSEL...**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: October 14, 2003

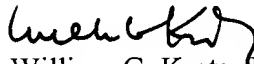
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2003 for three months from July 15, 2003 to October 15, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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